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# THE PATRIOT

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Seniors served lesson on proper etiquette.

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## Hearing draws small crowd

*School officials explain proposed tuition increase*

by Robert Boggs  
Editor in chief

University officials discussed a proposed \$4 increase in designated tuition at a scarcely attended public hearing Monday in the Robert R. Muntz Library.

Dr. Jim Ferguson, vice president for business affairs, opened the meeting with an explanation of the fee increase and took questions from students. Four students attended the hearing, including three Patriot staff members and a student in the Department of Communication.

Junior Brian Jaworski, the one non-Patriot student at the 30-minute hearing, asked ques-

tions about how a student regent would influence tuition decisions and asked how students could improve the attendance at similar hearings.

The University proposed an increase from \$42 to \$46 per semester credit hour to match the maximum set by the State of Texas Education Code.

Total tuition is made up of two separate fees—designated tuition, which is set by the University of Texas System Board of Regents and state tuition, which is set by the Legislature.

Although increases are planned for both divisions, the public hearing only concerned designated tuition, Ferguson

**"More students need to show up to make our voices heard."**

— BRIAN JAWORSKI  
UNIVERSITY STUDENT

said.

As documented in the University course catalog, officials already slated a \$2 increase in designated tuition, but decided instead to request a \$4 increase, from \$42 to \$46, he said.

The additional \$2 increase was considered to generate new revenue to help the University

maintain its quality during a challenging budget period, Ferguson said.

The designated tuition increase would raise that portion of tuition costs for a student taking 12 hours of classes from \$504 to \$552, a difference of \$48.

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## Parking permit fee may double

by Robert Boggs  
Editor in chief

Student parking fees may increase to as much as \$45 next semester to cover the cost of new parking lots planned for construction, according to a proposal sent to the University of Texas System in December.

Although the parking fee proposal would allow rates ranging from \$15 to \$45, the expected rate for next year is \$30, Dr. Dale Lunsford, vice president for student affairs and external relations, said. Approving a range of fees would allow for future increases up to the maximum rate without having to submit another proposal.

The Student Services Fee Advisory Committee reviewed the fee increases for parking and course-specific fees at a Feb. 3 meeting. The committee is made up of six students and four faculty and staff representatives.

The committee has not yet approved the fees. Committee members asked to see proposals for parking before voting for a fee increase, according to minutes from the meeting.

Lunsford said he will

by students, Dr. David O'Keeffe, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said.

The majority of the new fees would cover duplicating and printing costs and wages for private instruction for applied music courses. Typical costs for the new fees are \$5 to \$30 for printing and supplies and \$37.50 to \$75 for music class wage fees, according to the proposal.

The committee also reviewed more than 150 increases in existing course fees. In addition, extended computer access fees for some accounting, computer science, engineering, finance, general business, management and marketing classes had proposed increases, according to a memo from O'Keeffe.

A \$10 equipment fee for maintenance and repairs also was proposed for more than 250 accounting, finance, general business, management, marketing, technology and training and development classes.

Many of the business classes have increased fees due to the cost of materials required by the program's

## Reservists face prospect of war abroad

by Shalina Ramirez, Associate editor  
and Kelly Aydelott, Contributing writer

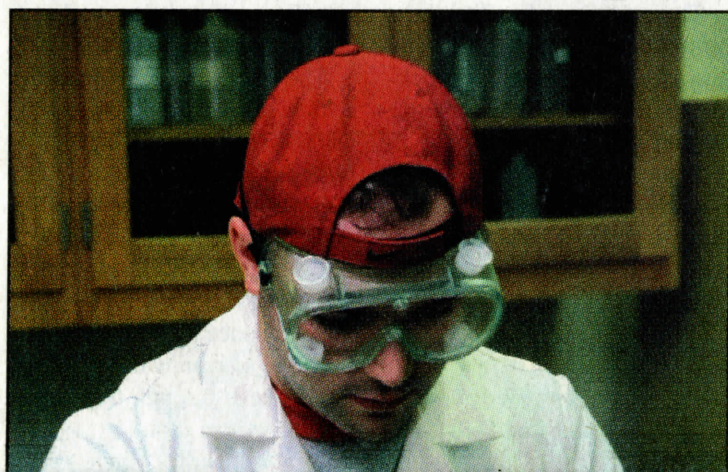
Preparing for a lab, chemistry major Dustin Porter concentrated more on mixing vials of colored liquids than an expected telephone call that would send him to an undisclosed location on the other side of the globe.

The call came two days later on Feb. 2.

Porter, a 26-year-old naval officer, had been called to active duty. "Be ready, you're going to the sand," a voice told the Jacksonville native.

With only 24 hours to spare, Porter rushed to say goodbye to family, tie up loose ends and notify the University of his recent deployment.

He had been instructed to report to Guam where he would receive information about his final destination.







—Chris Kemper/*The Patriot*

**CHEMISTRY TO CHEMICAL WEAPONS: Dustin Porter cleans equipment in the chemistry lab two days before shipping off to serve his country in a possible war with Iraq.**

## SGA sets filing period for general elections

by Emily Stevens  
Staff writer

Student officials set the filing period for candidates for the April 1-2 Student Government Association elections.

Students can file between Feb. 21 and March 7. Those elected will serve the 2003-04 school year.

To be a candidate a student must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in at least nine hours at the undergraduate level or a 3.0 in a minimum of six hours at the graduate level.

Candidates for the presidency and vice presidency must serve at least one year as an officer or senator before running for these offices.

Students elected to office receive stipends each semester.

There are three senators from each of the five colleges who each receive \$150.

The president and vice president each receive \$800

and the secretary, treasurer and parliamentarian each receive \$300.

Student officials announced the April elections at the Feb. 4 meeting.

The elections were originally scheduled for March 18-19.

During that meeting, Rules Committee members discussed proposing an amendment to the election code to be voted on at the Feb. 18 meeting.

SGA president Stephanie Heeren said a copy of the proposed changes would be available to *The Patriot*.

However, after subsequent requests, Heeren and parliamentarian Loree Ainsworth indicated that the proposal was not yet complete.

If passed, the changes will be in effect for the upcoming filing period.

Applications and additional information are available in UC 101 or UC 112.

"I am excited to do something for my country, but nervous about the unexpected," Porter said. "For now, my education will just have to wait."

Like many individuals putting their plans on hold for their country, Porter, a sophomore, will not be penalized for leaving school due to the Soldier and Sailors Civil Reform Act.

The act protects the civil rights of military personnel while serving active duty including job assurance, temporary relief from financial obligations and extension of benefits to dependents.

Although the University doesn't track the number of students enlisted in the armed force reserves, it does keep a record of employees serving as reservists such as director of student services Ida MacDonald and campus police officer Ben Kiser.

### PORTER

"UTT has been as helpful as it could be," Porter said.

He said the faculty and staff have worked with him to ensure that he would be able to return to classes as smoothly and as soon as possible.

"Everyone I have talked too has been extremely diligent," he said.

Porter said his aspiration is to become a doctor, which stems from serving as a medic in his battalion.

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## Suspected shuttle debris found on campus

by Shalina Ramirez  
Associate editor

Authorities called to campus confiscated two pieces of metal believed to be debris from the Space Shuttle Columbia that exploded earlier this month, showering the East Texas area with everything from circuit boards to human remains.

Scientific instrument maker James Mills discovered the first fragment around noon on Feb. 3 near the Engineering Building.

"I got an e-mail from Barbara O'Keeffe, health and safety director, asking us to survey our area," he said.

Planning on examining the roof, Mills said he was walking toward the back of the building when he spotted the one-inch square piece of aluminum, possibly from the shuttle.

"I nearly stepped on the piece," he said.

Debris rained down on East Texas after the shuttle Columbia disintegrated while in route to a landing site Feb. 1, killing the seven astronauts on board.

Mills, who has been a University employee since 1999, said he became suspicious of the origin of the fragment after noticing its ragged edges.

"It looked as if it could have been torn," he said. "If it were from the engineering building it would have had a smooth or machine cut. That's what stuck in my mind, the jagged edges."

He said he notified the dean of engineer-



—Brad Smith/*The Patriot*

**HALF STAFF: Flags fly at half staff last Tuesday during a noon memorial for the loss of the space shuttle Columbia and its seven astronauts.**

ing and computer science of his finding as well as O'Keeffe and the campus police, who had previously searched the campus grounds and building rooftops, but found no debris.

"At one time we had about 10 people guarding a 50-cent size piece of material," Mills said.

He said the Tyler fire and police departments, contacted by the University police,

develop a specific proposal for the parking fee to give the committee at its next meeting. A time for the meeting has not been decided. He said revenue from the fee would be used directly for building new parking lots, including a \$500,000, 285-space lot north of the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center.

In December President Rodney Mabry submitted a list of more than 350 new course-specific fees to the University of Texas System Board of Regents to be placed on the docket for consideration. Dr. Teresa Sullivan, executive vice chancellor for academic affairs, sent the request back to the University for review

accrediting agency, including tests costing \$25 to \$30, O'Keeffe said. He said some of the larger fees will be reduced.

Laboratory fee increases of \$5 to \$10 also were listed in the memo.

The fee committee will submit its recommendations to the president before the request is sent back to the UT System, Lunsford said.

O'Keeffe said he was proud of the students who participated in the committee meeting.

"They were very understanding of why we had to raise fees," he said. "I really appreciated the fact that they had done some thinking about it."

later located a second fragment while conducting a perimeter search.

Campus officer Chris Dickson said the pieces were treated like shuttle debris and turned over to the U.S. Marshall and Tyler Police Department.

He also encouraged anyone who has found anything suspicious to contact campus police.

Robert Boggs contributed to this report.



So the thought of walking through clouds of smoke to get to classes bothers some people.

At a November Faculty Senate meeting, members discussed whether smokers should be restricted to designated smoking areas or required to stand a set distance from buildings.

Smokers have enjoyed the privilege to smoke where they want, but when secondhand smoke jeopardizes the health of others, some guidelines need to be met.

Not every student wants to walk through smoke while opening a door to go to class.

The question now is whether the University should restrict smokers' rights on campus to smoking in a designated area or even have them smoke so many feet away from a building.

Studies have shown second-hand smoke can be harmful to a person's health. If guidelines are met, restricting where to smoke just might cause more

problems.

At Tyler Junior College smokers are restricted to 15 feet from any building.

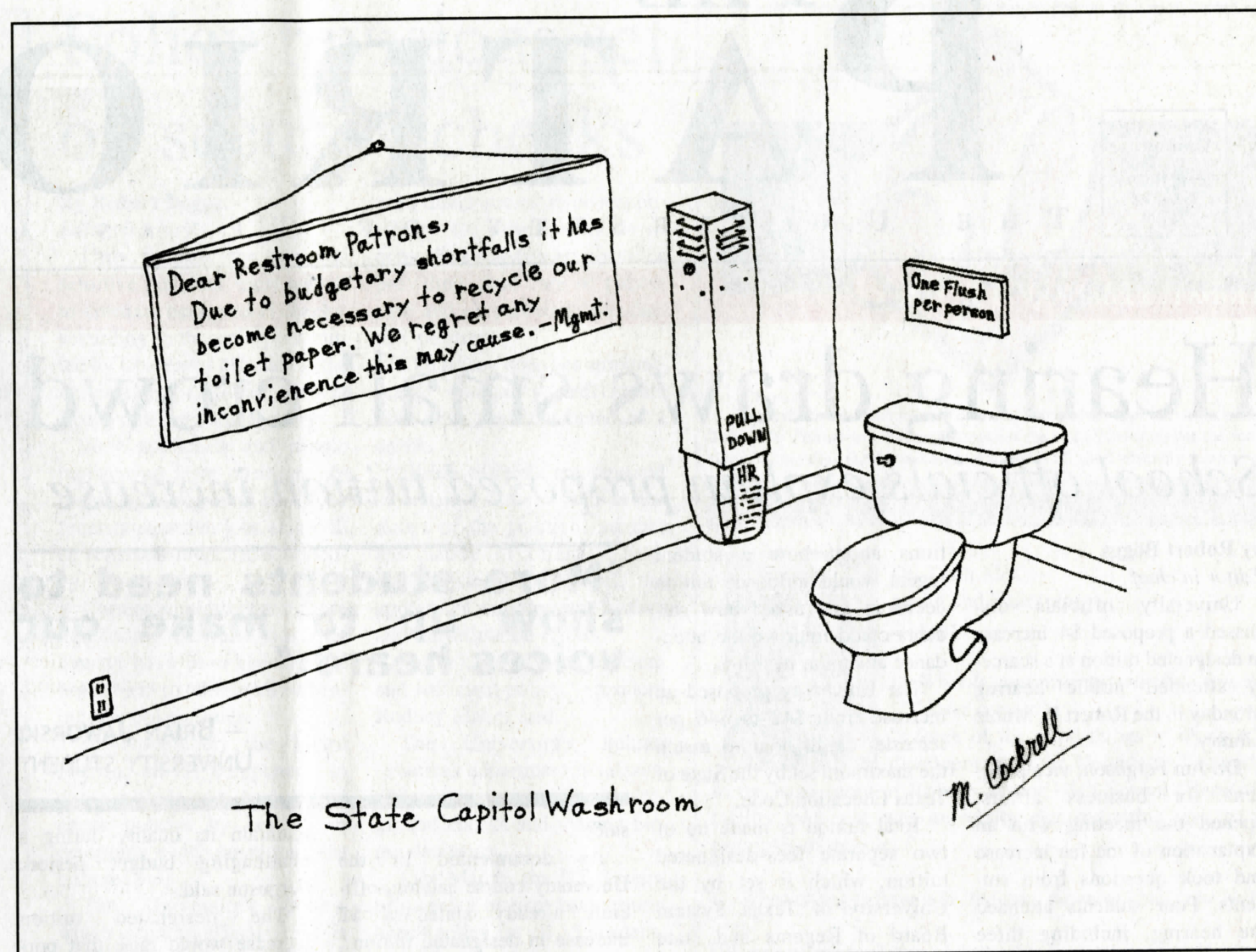
This helps students who do not smoke to enjoy the clean air.

To enforce a 15 foot smoking rule would be beneficial since the campus has a large amount of room for smokers to use. That seems to be enough room to enjoy a cigarette and not harm anyone else's health.

What happens if a rule is enforced and smokers have to be restricted to designated smoking areas out in the open?

No one really wants to stand out in the cold, windy and rainy weather for anything. That's when discussions need to occur on constructing coverings for smokers to stand under.

Until a decision is fully made smokers have the right to stand in front of a building and smoke, so for those who don't wish to smell the smoke, try making an alternate route to your next class.



## Quote of the Week

"These men and women assumed great risk in the service to all humanity. Because of their courage and daring and idealism, we will miss them all the more."

President George W. Bush  
speaking after the Columbia explosion

## Reality shows portray real life events

by Jennifer Murray  
*Opinion editor*

The best shows on TV today are not soaps or sitcoms, but reality shows. This different type of show has been butchered by critics to be nothing but a moron fest. I, on the other hand, find these shows exciting and intriguing.

Those shows keep me going from week to week, waiting to see what drastic turn of events will face those poor souls who want to find love, win money or just get their 15 minutes of fame.

I wonder what genius thought up the idea of making people superstars, marrying off desperate women and cashing in on being the last person on a night

not know how to react to reality shows.

What was supposed to be the point of a group of people living on an island completing challenges, and people living in a house talking about their problems?

Certain reality shows have survived the test of time, such as "Survivor," "American Idol" and "The Mole." These shows proved themselves worthy enough to come back for a second season.

"Survivor" and "The Mole" portray themselves by giving cash to the last one standing. In "Survivor" people are terminated from a tribe by their own tribemates at the end of the night

"The Mole" is all about being a traitor. One person out of the group is the mole who tries to sabotage everyone else's chance of winning money at the end of the game.

The next type of reality show centers around love, or maybe just a chance to have a lip-locking contest with eligible men or women.

"The Bachelor" and "The Bachelorette" have 25 eligible men or women who are just looking for that one person to spend the rest of their lives with. This show's idea may be going just a little too far.

How can anyone possibly think they could find their soulmate at the end of the season?

The same concept goes for the show "Joe Millionaire," but these women are competing for a chance to be picked by a man who's filthy rich, or so they think. The reality here is he's actually a construction worker.

This is excellent TV.

The last reality show to add is a show where people try to sing halfway decently to become a recording artist. "American Idol" is by far the best reality show with three grueling judges who tear apart normal people's dreams of making it big.

Every once in while they find that one person who can sing and make it through to become the "American Idol."

Reality shows have been

CAMPUS  
VOICE



Do you believe smoking on campus should be restricted to designated outside smoking areas? Why or why not?

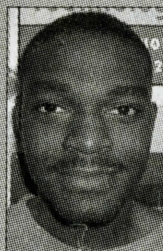


"I think smoking in the doorways should be stopped. In the Business Building there is one doorway. All the smokers crowd around and you have to walk through their smoke to get to class. Smoking should be restricted to shelters away from buildings."

**Brenda Woodruff, junior, history**

"No. Provided adequate ventilation, smokers should have designated smoking areas inside."

**Brian Jaworski, undeclared, senior**



"Yes, because the smell is bothersome to non-smokers."

**LaDerrick Austin, biology, sophomore**

"Yes. I think they should stay outside away from the building because second-hand smoke is deadly. Besides, most smokers don't even pay attention to the signs anyway. I really wish they would ban smoking on campus altogether, but that won't happen—half the faculty smokes."

**Coree Kennon, senior, accounting**



"Yes. I am allergic to cigarette smoke like many others on campus, so smokers should have certain areas where smoking is allowed."

**Paige Peace, biology**

"Yes. I don't smoke and I don't care to breathe in someone else's."

**John Trego, senior, history**



That person or people responsible are my heroes. When that one person could not cut it to help the tribe move along.

## Suggestions for UT Tyler on ways to cut the budget:

1. Auction off the turtle to get money.
2. Move classes outdoors on nice days to conserve electricity.
3. Lease classrooms for office space.
4. Implement paper recycling programs.
5. Allow students to pay the University for a grade for one class per semester.
6. Require students to bring bean bag chairs.
7. Use chemistry labs for testing biochemicals for the government.
8. Stop paying for lawn maintenance; have students with parking tickets clean and mow.
9. Drill for oil on campus.
10. Halt athletic program expansion.

Suggestions were submitted  
by Jour 3301 students

## Correction

In the Jan. 31 issue of *The Patriot* Linda Nylund's name was left off of the president's list.

# Space travel should not be able to continue

by Joseph Elerson  
*Sports editor*

In a recent CNN.com poll, 68 percent of 119,906 Americans said the shuttle program is the best way to continue manned space flights in the future.

I believe NASA officials should reconsider any action before going through the process of planning another space shuttle launch in the near future.

The reason why I believe this is because Americans have been through tragedies such as the terrorist attacks in New York and now the most recent event with the space shuttle Columbia breaking apart over East Texas.

The seven astronauts who went aboard Columbia knew what could possibly happen before, during, and while arriving home from their trip in space.

NASA officials should spend enough time looking at all areas of the shuttle they plan to

titled by some as being without substance, but I'm not looking for substance all of the time.

launch before deciding to give the sign for another launch. Officials do not need to miss something and lose casualties due to a malfunction or a piece of something falling off the ship.

A story from the Associated Press mentioned that soon after launch a piece of foam insulation, 2 1/2 by 20 inches broke off and hit the left wing of the ship.

Even if this was not the cause, NASA officials should look at all possible causes before considering another flight.

As the president and every other space official tries to convince everyone space travel will continue once NASA finds the problem, we should still wait or even cancel the space program until we know what caused the problem or until the American public can feel comfortable about what could happen when another shuttle is launched.

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# RESERVISTS

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A member of the Student Government Association and Student American Chemical Society, Porter also served as a chemical lab assistant.

"I love my job working in the lab around all the chemicals," he said. "I definitely have a better grasp on the chemical aspect of war because of my major."

The night before his deployment, Porter joined loved ones at a Tyler restaurant for some good food, funny jokes and tearful good-byes.

"I have many people praying and pulling for me," he said with tears in his eyes.

Porter doesn't know where he will be going or how long he will be there, but one thing is for sure, he wants to serve his country.

"Sept. 11, 2001 made me sick knowing that I could not do anything, but now I can," he said.

## MACDONALD

Serving as an Air Force reserve for more than 20 years, MacDonald said she is aware of the difficulties a reservist as well as their families must face.

Having been deployed during Desert Storm, MacDonald was away for three months.

"At the time, I lived in Nebraska," she said. "I was deployed to San Antonio. Though I was in the country, there was still the hardship of being away from my family."

Working in the area of chaplain services, MacDonald, wife and mother of three, provided emotional and spiritual support to military personnel.

"I think we're taught in the military to always be prepared," she said.

MacDonald said preparations such as having a valid will, insurance, alternative care for children and job security makes the transition easier.



—Courtesy Photo

## IN THE FAMILY: Ida MacDonald poses with her son Isaiah in this family photo.

The University Employee Handbook states that any employee ordered to extended active military duty shall be restored to the same or a like position upon honorable completion of service.

There are four employees currently serving in the armed forces reserves.

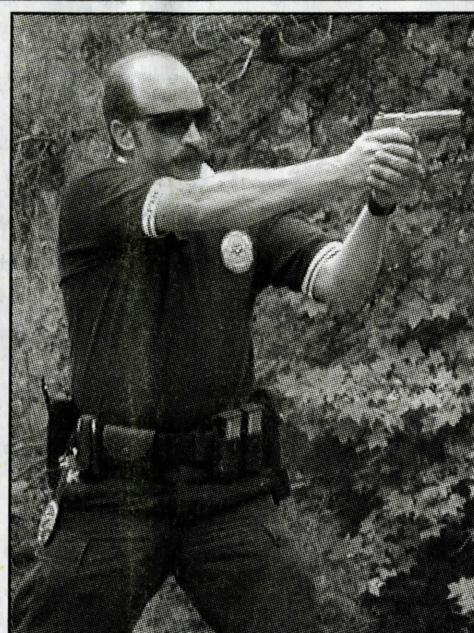
Having been with the University since 1993, MacDonald said she is allowed time off every year to serve reserve time.

"I plan on retiring [from the reserves] this year if peace allows," she said. "If I'm called to do that, then that's what I'm called to do."

But MacDonald said she was more concerned about her 21-year-old son Isaiah, a Marine reservist.

"With your children, your always more concerned for them than yourself," she said. "At least that's the way I am. I'm more worried about him."

MacDonald said Isaiah is planning to attend the University in the fall.



—File/The Patriot

## STRAIGHT SHOOTER: Police officer Ben Kiser takes part in firearms training.

## KISER

After almost 10 years of active duty and five years in the reserves, Kiser's wife and two daughters are used to him being deployed, he said.

Having served in the same battalion as Porter, there is a good possibility of being deployed.

"I've been put on notice," he said.

Kiser, who has been with the University for two years, said the best way to prepare family members for deployment is communication.

You just have to talk with them and let them know what's going on or what could happen, he said.

"It's kind of tough because you just don't know," Kiser said.

"You got to get everything in order to pack your bags and go. You don't know when the call will come, where you'll be going or how long you'll be there."



# Police Reports

Campus officers have investigated windows being broken on parked vehicles with two of the incidents involving burglary.

Reports show the most recent of the four occurrences took place on Feb. 4 when a male reported his driver's side window had been broken on his 2002 Honda Accord while it was parked in Lot 9, near the Business Building.

He also reported seeing two black males in their late teens or early 20s knock out the windshield.

The suspects are believed to be driving a four-door white Mercury with a blue canvas top, possibility a late '90s model, reports show.

Police also responded to a report on Jan. 27 that a 1996 Dodge Avenger belonging to a 27-year-old female student had been burglarized in Lot 9.

Reports show later that day, a 24-year-old male student reported his black 1998 Chevrolet S-10 had been broken into while in the same parking lot.

The fourth incident was reported on Jan. 21 when a female University Pines resident discovered the back window of her 2001 Chevrolet Camaro had been broken while it was parked near Building 3.

Nothing appeared to be missing.

She believed it to be accidental, reports show.

## ARREST

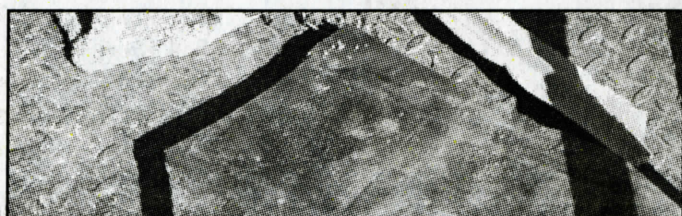
• Feb. 2 - A 21-year-old Tyler Junior College male student was arrested for furnishing alcohol to a minor after police investigated a report of underage drinking at a UPines apartment.

• Feb. 1 - Officers arrested a 19-year-old University male student for possession of marijuana and drug paraphernalia after investigating a report of drug activity at the UPines apartments.

• Jan. 31 - Police arrested an 18-year-old Tarrant County College male student for an outstanding warrant and a 21-year-old male for furnishing alcohol to minors after investigating a report of suspicious activity at the UPines apartments.

• Jan. 26 - A 20-year-old TJC female student and a 23-year-old female are charged with alcohol-related offenses after officers arrested the pair during a traffic stop on Campus Drive. The charges include influence and possession of alcohol by a minor and furnishing alcohol to a minor.

## Heat shield



# Subway records profit during first financial period





—Chris Kemper/*The Patriot*

**PICKING UP THE PIECES:** Debris from the Space Shuttle Columbia collected in a large pasture just east of Nacogdoches, Tx, three days after the space craft disintegrated on re-entry in Earth's atmosphere.

## HEARING

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Designated tuition is a required fee used for broad purposes approved by the Board of Regents during the University's budget process, but primarily is used to retire debts on buildings and construction.

The education code also contains a schedule for state tuition costs calling for \$2 per credit hour increases per year between 2000 and 2006. The state tuition rate also sets the maximum designated tuition rate.

In recent years, the University has kept designated tuition \$2 below the maximum rate.

State tuition is scheduled to increase \$2 from \$44 to \$46 for the 2003-2004 school year.

With both increases, students will pay \$6 more per credit hour in tuition. This means a student taking 12 hours of classes would have paid \$1,032 in tuition costs this year but will pay \$1,104 next year, a difference of \$72.

All UT schools must submit tuition proposals to the Board of Regents at their meeting Thursday in Austin, President Rodney Mabry said.

University officials publicized the hearing by posting about 40 fliers on campus bulletin boards, sending an e-mail to all students, faculty and staff and placing a notice in the Feb. 4 issue of the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*, Ferguson said. *The Patriot* also posted fliers giving information about the hearing.

"We tried very hard to notify students," Ferguson said at the hearing.

The event left some wondering how to improve student involvement on campus.

Dr. Dale Lunsford, vice president for student affairs and external relations, said the Student Government Association can call hearings whenever they want and encouraged students to get involved in campus committees.

"More students need to show up to make our voices heard," Jaworski said after the meeting.

A similar hearing at the University of Texas at Austin last week also drew four students, all of which were members of the Student Government, the *Daily Texan* reported.

by Jennifer Murray  
*Opinion editor*

During its first fiscal year Subway recorded a profit, but only because the University subsidized the franchise by more than \$52,000.

According to financial reports obtained by *The Patriot*, Subway showed a profit of \$6,693 at the end of the fiscal year dating from Sep. 1, 2001 to Aug. 31, 2002.

Without the subsidy the franchise would have shown a loss of \$227,589, according to the financial reports.

"When we brought in Subway we knew we had to go ahead and subsidize, because of past history food services," Culverhouse said.

"We need to provide the service to students. We can't show it running negative, not making a profit. We allocate an amount every year to Subway," Lynne Culverhouse, assistant vice president for business affairs, said.

Subway opened in fall 2001 after the Campus Cafe operated by Finn's closed. Subway offers a menu of sandwiches, pizza, soup, salad and breakfast.

Franchise fees paid to the Subway corporation totaled \$7,574 for the fiscal year, Culverhouse said.

Subway did not show a profit its first semester, but sales have gradually increased, according to Culverhouse. During its first fiscal year sales totaled \$181,911.

Wages and salaries totaled \$120,328, repairs and maintenance \$2,391, materials and supplies \$78,345 and utilities and communications \$1,987, Culverhouse said.

"The actual fall and spring are the best time for sales. Summer is very hard in sales. Sales are just so much smaller in the summer," Culverhouse said.

So far this fiscal year Subway has kept track of financial information by weekly reports, Culverhouse said.

### Happy Valentine's Day

Dr. Loftin, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Scherb and Dr. Strong. You are all quality professors and it's been a pleasure to benefit from your limitless knowledge and experience.

Affectionately,  
Charity Potter

P.S. Remember this in May when you are submitting final grades.

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• Jan. 25 - Officers investigated a report that the fountains near the R. Don Cowan Fine and Performing Arts center had been soaped.

### THEFT

• Feb. 4 - A black shoulder bag containing a wallet, keys and two books was reported stolen from Room 111 in the University Center. Estimated value is unknown.

• Jan. 24 - A 41-year-old male reported the theft of some tools, valued at an estimated \$290, from the Health and Kinesiology Building.

### MISC.

• Feb. 2 - A UPines resident assistant reported damage to fence surrounding a trash receptacle in front of Building 11.

• Jan. 21 - Officers investigated a report of graffiti on several buildings on campus.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Details concerning the above stories are taken from official University police records. If you are aware of a crime that is being committed or investigated, contact the campus police at 566-7060.

Dear Brandon,

I don't think you will  
ever fully understand  
how you've touched my life  
and made me who I am.

I don't think you could ever know  
just how truly special you are  
that even on the darkest nights  
you are my brightest star.

I don't think you will every full comprehend  
how you've made my dreams come true  
or how you've opened my heart  
to love and the wonders it can do.

You've allowed me to experience  
something very hard to find  
unconditional love that exists  
in my body, soul and mind

I don't think you could ever feel  
all the love I have to give  
and I'm sure you'll never realize  
you've been my will to live.

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## Planners can save cash, face

Bummed out because brother Billy's New Year's Eve bash bombed his checkbook again? Or is Sally's superficial Christmas party still sour? Don't fret. Take these simple guidelines in mind when starting any party or get-together to save face and a little cash too.

**Remember the guest list**

And check it twice. A rather overlooked action could prove lethal as the host or hostess might not want to invite his/her exes from years past and bring his/her new "friend" to the party. Buddies from down the street and down the office hallway are two extremely different types of folks.

**Setting up**

After deciding who's coming to the event, a cheaper, more personal way to invite people is to hand make the invitations. Even computer programs like PrintShop Pro make great ones, and this will save a few bucks on the phone bill and the credit card. Instead of buying brand new decorations and necessities, like tablecloths, borrow these items from a friend or family member — or just buy cheaper lookalikes.

**Food**

Keep in mind some alternative food preparation plans besides the traditional catering. Let everyone at the party make his or her own food. Pizza, sub sandwiches, cookies. Let the



—Chris Kemper/The Patriot

**MAKING A NAME FOR HERSELF:** Dawn Beyer jams in front of a packed house at the Memphis Club in Longview. She performs there every Tuesday night. Her first full length album, released June of last year, is entitled "Through a Child's Eyes."

## New York born singer begins career in Texas

by Brittani Mathis

Staff writer

**Review**

Dawn Beyer, 16-year-old singer/songwriter and Jefferson resident, has recently acquired the eyes and ears of Nashville.

Long time Nashville publisher and producer Bob Millsap and Jerry Flowers, who managed the early careers of the Judds and Alabama, have jumped on the Dawn bandwagon.

"Dawn is charisma," Millsap said. "It is one of the first things I look for in an artist, and she's got it."

Dawn has commanded stages across the nation. She has played venues from New York to Texas, and made a special guest appearance at the Grand Palace in Branson Missouri at George Jones Live.

"She has a powerful voice and she knows how to use it," fellow local musician Jonathan Terrell said.

Dawn has a mature voice with a child-like innocence that grabs hold of the crowd and keeps them in awe.

She performs Tuesday nights at the Memphis Club in Longview. With her feet firmly planted on the stage, she controls the room, singing on, over the soft rumble of chattering. Dawn is playful with the crowd and instead of following a confining set list, she takes requests from fans.

Her performances typically consist of a variety of entertaining cover tunes, from artists like George Jones and the Dixie Chicks, mixed with catchy lyrics of her own songs. She can whisk the audience away with her performance of "Daydream," an original tune sung with a Jewel-like innocence.

Dawn is an accomplished songwriter, with help from her mother, and already has contemporary Christian recording artist Amy Grant grabbing for lyrics. She released her first full-length album, "Through a Child's Eyes," in June of 2002 on the Nashville Incorrect label.

Strong Christian roots keep Dawn grounded in the heart of country music. She possesses a respect for the past and admires classic country music legends such as George Jones and Loretta Lynn.

Born in Sag Harbor, New York in 1986, her family moved to East Texas in 1990. Dawn's music career began at the age of 10 in Canton and continues to prosper. Her family has since returned back to their home state, but Dawn and her father knew Texas was the place to launch Dawn's career.

At first glance one assumes she is a little Texas lady, but a hint of a northern accent gives her away.

When asked why she goes by only her first name she laughed.

"I have actually thought about naming a CD Just Dawn...because everyone always asks me that. I think it just sounds better," she said.

Dawn will continue to perform across the region while shopping for a record deal. With the solid team of Nashville veterans behind her, this up-and-coming artist promises to be the next big thing to hit Nashville from this area.

Keep your eyes to the sky; you might just catch Dawn rising. For more information and an updated tour schedule, check out <http://www.dawnentertainment.com>.

## Novak, Press state opinions in Cowan Center

by Brittani Mathis

Staff writer

Former co-hosts of CNN's Crossfire Bill Press and Robert Novak, exchanged comments about President George W. Bush's recent State of the Union Address and the possible war with Iraq Thursday, January 30, as part of the University's Distinguished Lecture Series. The debate was held at the Cowan Center and sponsored by the Tyler



**University Wind Ensemble  
Tyler Community Band  
Spring 2003  
Concert Schedule**

**•Feb. 25**

Tyler Community Band will present "Folk Songs" at 7 p.m. in Vaughn Auditorium. Songs in the performance include: "Vaughn Fanfare," "Prelude and Rondo," "Australian Up-Country



sandwiches, cookies... Let the guests join in on the fun and create their own food masterpiece. It saves the host/hostess ample time slaving away in the kitchen and moves them out toward much cooler places — like the dance floor or just spending more time with the guests.

#### Get the party started

Who can forget the entertainment? Why not choose games that suit the guests. English majors/minors will enjoy games like Hangman or Scrabble. Right-brained people might enjoy interactive games like Spoons, Uno or Twister. For the brainier folks, a book of brain-teasers or the immortal Trivial Pursuit fit the bill. History buffs who feel a need for control might find that Risk suits their fancy. The guests will remember a more personal party, while the host/hostess will feel pretty darn good that he/she saved some extra cash along the way.

Morning Telegraph.

Press, a liberal co-host of CNN's "Buchanan and Press," and Novak, the conservative host of the "Novak Zone," traded barbs but agreed on some points.

"Some issues aren't liberal or conservative," Press said after agreeing with Novak that once war is launched against Iraq, America should support its troops abroad.

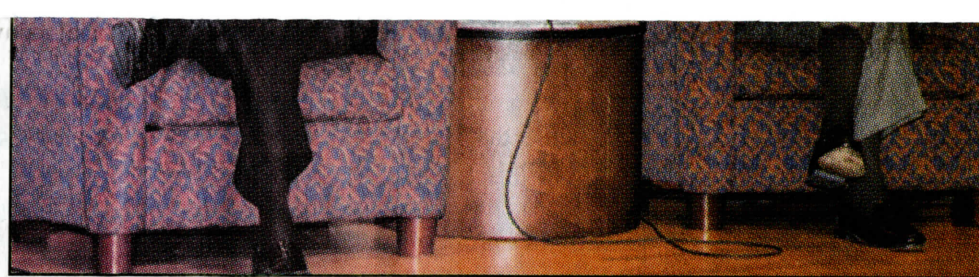
Novak said, "The debate about going to war is just about over." Both speakers agreed North Korea is a more immediate danger than Iraq.

"I do not believe the roots of democracy will flourish in Baghdad," said Novak. He also commented that he did not believe America should have troops where they are not wanted.

Press pointed out earlier in the day at the Student Success Seminar that, "This is the first time in history we have attacked a country that didn't attack us first."

Press went on later to say, "Containment has worked for 11 years - why the sudden urgency to invade Iraq now?"

During the debate Novak complimented the president on his tax plan, his beliefs on ending partial-birth abortions, Medicare



**FIGHTIN' WORDS:** Robert Novak, left, and Bill Press debate points of view during a student success seminar on Jan. 30 at the Cowan Center.

—Chris Kemper/*The Patriot*

reforms and privatization of Social Security. Novak then proceeded to joke that he has been known as the "Prince of Darkness" in Washington because of his strict beliefs that "government is the problem, not the solution."

Press rebutted by calling the tax cut "a crazy idea" and said that it is a "windfall for the upper crust." He continued the debate by calling on the government to not spend more money than it takes in and he also shared his hope for finding a peaceful resolution with Iraq.

Press complimented the president on the AIDS campaign in Africa, his proposal of hydrogen powered automobiles, and called on President Bush to, "leave Alaska alone,"

in response to Bush's plans for drilling for oil in the state.

The evening ended with Press and Novak accepting questions from the audience members and offered opposing viewpoints on issues presented to them.

Vanessa Curry, journalism lecturer and adviser for *The Patriot* asked their thoughts on former Illinois Governor George Ryan's decision to commute all sentences for death row inmates to life in prison.

Novak spoke up immediately and said Ryan was a "crook" and his actions "defied the will of the people of Illinois." Press fired back by announcing Ryan as a "hero" and spoke highly of Ryan's "courageous" decision.

Tune," "Irish Tune From County Derry" and "Americans We."

#### •March 6

The Wind Ensemble will present their first concert at 7 p.m. in Vaughn Auditorium. The program includes: "Old Home Days," "Parade of the Wooden Warriors" and "Apollo March."

#### •May 1

The Wind Ensemble's second concert is at 7 p.m. in Vaughn Auditorium. Songs in this performance include: "Serenade in E-flat, K 375," "Were You There?," "Hebraic Rhapsody" and "Sun Dance."

#### •May 6

Tyler Community Band's last concert is at 7 p.m. in Vaughn Auditorium. Songs in this concert include: "Five Folk Songs for Soprano and Band," and "Commando March." All concerts are free.

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14<sup>th</sup> — Elvis T. Busboy — R&B~Soul & Blues  
15<sup>th</sup> — The Klocks — 70s, 80s, 90s, & Top 40  
20<sup>th</sup> — Loco Joe — Rock & Roll — NO cover  
21<sup>st</sup> — Spank the Monkey — Rock & Roll  
22<sup>nd</sup> — Spank the Monkey — Rock & Roll  
27<sup>th</sup> — Eli & Young Band — Anytown opens — Americana Texas Roots  
28<sup>th</sup> — Be Wires — 80s, 90s, Top 40  
March 1<sup>st</sup> — Passing Strangers — Rock & Roll/Dance

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# All in Good Taste



—Brad Smith/The Patriot

**CRASH COURSE:** Doris Sharp instructs the class on basic dinner etiquette.

**DINNER IS SERVED:** Dr. Howard Patterson, interim dean of student affairs and athletics director, and student Lisa Stinson prepare for the next course.



## Business etiquette class nourishes mind and body

By Thomas Kearnes  
Contributing writer

Outside the land of Burger Kings and Pizza Huts lies an exotic world.

It's a world of endless appetizers, forbidden hand

**"We're always worried when we don't know the rules."**

tion from At Ease, Inc. seven years ago in Cincinnati, Ohio.

She has since returned four times to remain updated on changing trends, in places including the Protocol School in Tyler.





**FORMAL DINING:** Senior students enjoy their main course of roasted cornish hen with wild rice.



**REFRESHING:** Engineering student Tobie LaBauve enjoys a drink of iced tea during the Senior Business Etiquette Dinner Tuesday.

—Brad Smith/The Patriot

gestures and social conventions.

It's the world of business dining etiquette.

"This is the most formal thing I have ever been to," Rhiannon Gage, psychology senior, said.

Sponsored by Career Services, more than 40 seniors, staff and faculty attended a banquet at Traditions restaurant Tuesday to learn about everything from taboo conversation topics to the correct way to eat a cornish game hen.

Doris Sharp, director of the East Texas Prep Consortium at the University, guided the guests through a two-hour tour of the sometimes dicey world of public dining.

Guests tackled challenging dishes like shrimp and French onion soup while Sharp assured them the labyrinthine

— **DORIS SHARP**  
EAST TEXAS PREP  
CONSORTIUM DIRECTOR

rules of business dining etiquette need not be seen as a hindrance to enjoying a meal. "Etiquette is not stuffy," she said. "It's making other people comfortable."

Seniors quizzed their hostess on everything from the wisdom of removing unsightly food from their teeth to the proper way of signaling their waitstaff.

"Everyone was sharply dressed and asked excellent questions," Krista Richardson, coordinator of Career Services, said.

Sharp has experience facing a well-groomed crowd.

In addition to her responsibilities at the University, Sharp received her certified training in etiquette instruc-

Overseas dining continues to change, Sharp said during her presentation.

"Some cultures find offensive things we would not," she said.

Also, guests learned several conventions of social dining are not accepted in a business setting.

For example, the old parental admonishment to keep one's hands below the table when not eating is actually the inverse of accepted formal dining.

"It's just a more comfortable, relaxed position," Sharp said.

The hostess encouraged her guests not to grow discouraged at the deluge of new information.

Business meetings simply go better "when we know the rules," Sharp said. "We're always worried when we don't know the rules."

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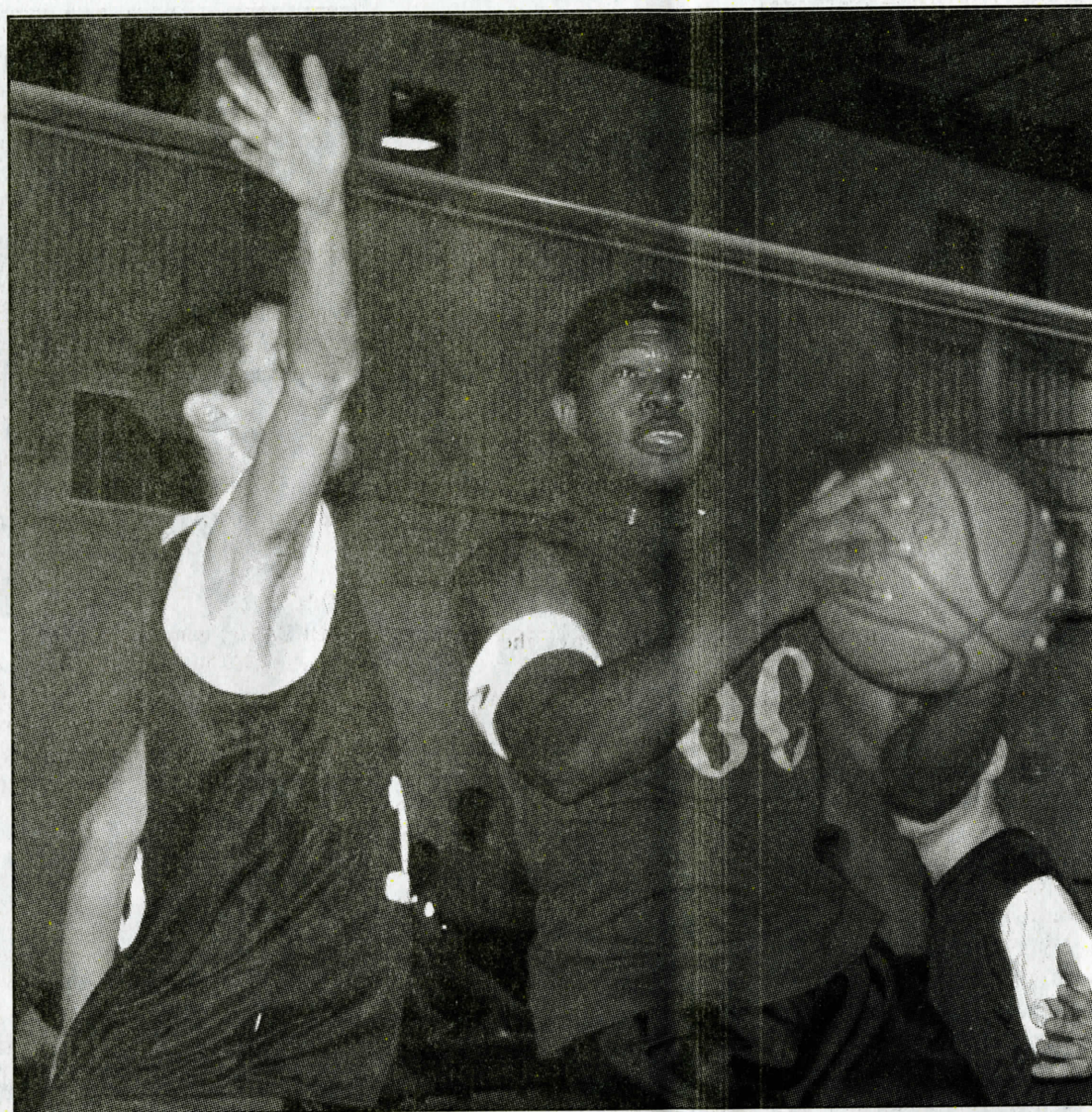
# Major coming to Tyler

Former University of Texas-Austin quarterback Major Applewhite will be the featured speaker during the Patriot Golf Classic luncheon on May 19 at Holleytree Country Club.

According to a University press release, Applewhite had a 22-8 record as quarterback. He holds the sixth best record in Longhorns history.

He has spent the past year as the host of a daily sports talk radio show in Austin and providing football analysis on a local television station, according to the press release.

Events will consist of the University Cox Patriot Million Dollar Hole in One contest with locations in Tyler and Longview on May 10-18, the Patriot Tennis Classic on May 17-18, the Texas "Shootout" Barbecue on May 17, and the Patriot Golf Classic on May 19.



—Brad Smith/The Patriot

**UP AND OVER:** Olakunle "Double O" Oguntodu of Hoop Nation goes up looking for paydirt during an intramural basketball game at Glass Recreation Center on Tuesday.

## Sports Calendar Feb. 14-Feb. 27

### Feb. 14

Men's & women's tennis, Hendrix Tourney, Arkansas, 3:30 p.m.

### Feb. 15

Men's tennis, Harding Tournament, Arkansas, 9 a.m.

Women's tennis, U. Central Arkansas Tournament, 9 a.m.

Men's & women's tennis, Rhodes Tournament, Arkansas, 2 p.m.

### Feb. 20

**Intramural basketball**  
UT "Undercover" vs. C & C Moving, 6:30 p.m. Glass Center  
UT "L.O.C." vs. Dem Girls, Glass Recreation

Center, 8:30 p.m.

### Feb. 23 - 25

Golf (Men) Mary Harden - Baylor Invitational Tournament, Temple

### Feb. 25

**Intramural Basketball**  
UT "Hoop Nation" vs. Dirty South, Glass Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

UT "Undercover" vs. North Athens, Glass Recreation Center, 8:30 p.m.

### Feb. 27

**Intramural Basketball**  
UT "Hoop Nation" vs. Tyler Pipe N.P., Glass Recreation Center, 6:30 p.m.

**Intramural Basketball**  
UT "L.O.C." vs. Outlaws, Glass Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

# University tennis season put on hold due to weather

By Joseph Elerson  
Sports editor

The University tennis teams were scheduled to open up the spring season against Hardin Simmons, Sul Ross University, and McMurry University on Feb. 7-8 in Abilene, but the action was postponed due to inclement weather.

Both of the University teams played matches against Austin College on Wednesday.

"Hardin-Simmons is the conference champion out of 15 schools in our conference,"

Olivier said.

Last fall, the tennis teams defeated McMurry University with identical 7-0 wins at Summers Tennis Center.

Freshman Kevin Cook said he believes the men's team needs to do better in the doubles competition, which was a weakness for the team last semester.

On the men's side, 10 players return to the lineup for the season with freshman Greg Jones, freshman Maciek Hunek, Cook, freshman Dallas

Long, freshman Andy White, Blake Ericsson, sophomore Steven Brouer, freshman Mayur Naik, sophomore Justin Duke, and freshman Austin Caudle.

On the women's side 10 players return to the lineup with freshmen Karoline Jacobs, Lauren Collum, Kayla Fedowitz and Katy Burrows, and sophomore April Bancod.

Freshmen Alicia Johnson, April Hibbs, Giannina Bregon, senior Lauren McClung, and freshman Lorita Morgan round

out the women's team.

"Lorita will play at the top of the lineup for us this season. She is a good player and you can't ask for any more than that," Olivier said.

Maciek Hunek, who played in the No. 1 spot on the men's team before the break last semester, returns to the Patriot lineup for the spring season.

"Maciek made a 4.0 GPA when he was here last semester," Olivier said.

Olivier said he believes the

men's team is the fourth best Div. III school in Texas on the men's side.

"Our schedule has some tough matches this semester with Hardin Simmons, Mississippi, Southwestern Texas, Harding University, Hendrix and Rhodes University, which are some very top-notch schools in terms of tennis," Olivier said.

"We have at least 10 solid guys on the team, and we can only take six players to a tournament, so I feel good about

any lineup that we put out on the court during the season," Cook said.

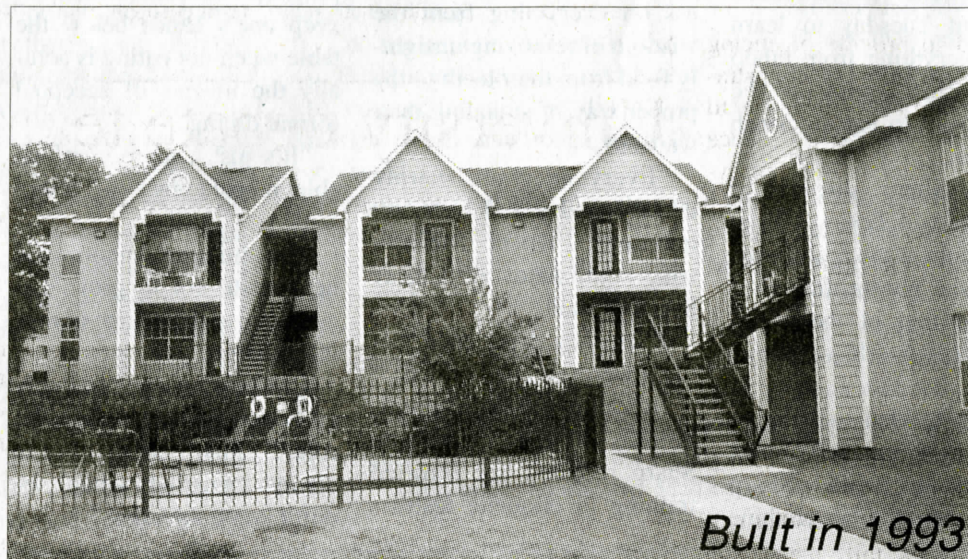
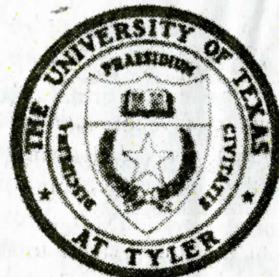
Olivier said he schedules top-notch schools for his team to play to give them the competition they need to become the best players they can be on the court.

"We could end up with a .500 record this season, and relative to the competition that we chose, that's not bad in terms of schools we will play," Olivier said.



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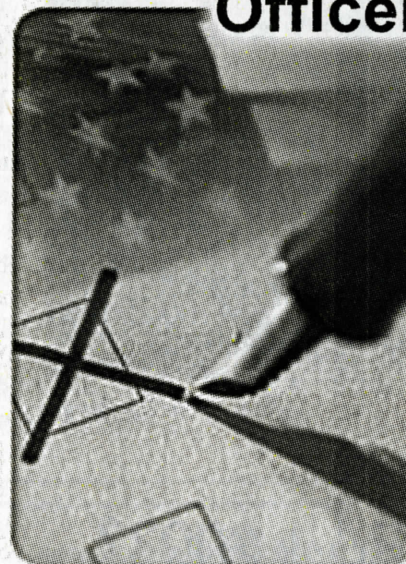
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**SGA Spring Elections**  
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The Candidates Meeting will be held  
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on Wednesday, March 19, 2003,  
and will be open to the public.

This mandatory Candidates Meeting  
allows candidates an opportunity to  
introduce themselves and their campaign  
platforms to the student body. The rules  
of campaigning will also be outlined  
at this meeting. Candidates not in  
attendance will be prohibited  
from campaigning.

**Applications will be available starting  
February 21<sup>st</sup> in UC 101 or UC 112.**



## Campus drug offenses grow

by Shalina Ramirez

Associate Editor

Campus law officers have seen an increase in drug-related offenses, particularly those related to marijuana, University Police Sgt. Troy Smith said.

Police dealt with as many as seven cases relating to illegal substances during the fall semester, including the arrest of a former Tyler Junior College computer lab employee who was accused of possessing methamphetamine.

Another incident, stemming from a traffic stop on Campus Drive, resulted in third degree felony charges and the arrest of a 19-year-old male who police say had hidden a marijuana cigarette in his right sock.

"I'd say the incidences have almost doubled," Smith said.

University crime statistics for 2001 recorded nine drug-related arrests for both academic semesters whereas the 2002 fall semester saw nearly that many offenses.

The statistics were provided in compliance with the Campus Security Act and the Clery Act.

Smith said the increase in drug-related offenses could be related to the growth of the stu-

dent population.

"Most involved in those incidents are at the freshman level," he said. "This may be the first time they're away from mom and dad, so it's a time to experiment."

A number of the individuals committing drug-related offenses have been from other area schools, Smith said.

Individuals not affiliated with the University were involved in at least two of the seven drug-related arrests made during the fall semester, records show.

If charged with a drug-related violation, offenders could find themselves behind bars and/or paying a hefty fine.

"Most of the (cases) we are getting are Class B misdemeanors," Smith said.

Class B misdemeanors are punishable by up to 180 days in jail and/or a \$1,000 fine.

Officers also have given out Class C citations carrying up to a \$500 fine, Smith said.

"Class C usually has to do with drug paraphernalia," he said. "Things like bongs, scales, or stuff actually used to smoke drugs or cut it with."

Smith said the University

has a zero tolerance drug policy with punishments ranging from scholastic probation to being evicted from on-campus housing.

Students cited or charged with drug offenses are referred to Dr. Howard Patterson, interim dean of students, Smith said.

Patterson, in charge of disciplining students who violate the rules and regulations of the board of regents, then assesses the situation and decides on a punishment which could include community service or expulsion from the University Pines Apartments.

"It depends on the amount, whether there was an intent to sell, repeat offender, and the type of drug involved," he said. "Each case is looked at independently."

Patterson said the circumstances of each case are weighted before a punishment is issued.

Other punishments could include disciplinary probation, academic monitoring or drug and alcohol counseling through Student Services.

"There are a number of ways to get the message across," Patterson said.

## Program benefits students

The Greater Texas Foundation awarded The University of Texas at Tyler \$20,000 for its scholarship program.

A \$1.36 million fund to help students at schools and universities throughout Texas, titled, "Removing Educational Barriers Scholarship" was established by the Greater Texas Foundation.

UT Tyler is one of 34 institutions of higher education to receive funds.

Each school receiving funds will set its own policy regarding how the needs-based scholarship will be distributed to students.

"This award certainly helps us maintain our objective of providing educational opportunities to all prospective students," President Rodney H. Mabry said.

Greater Texas Foundation, formerly the Greater Texas Student Loan Corporation, is a non-profit foundation that receives funds primarily from its for-profit subsidiary, LoneSTAR Funding Group, one of the largest Texas based holders of student loans.

Its mission is to eliminate barriers to a higher education for students in Texas.

"This contribution is a shining example of how the private sector can help Texas close the gaps in participation and success in higher education. Helping students pay for college provides a path to a brighter future for them and for the state," Don Brown, Commissioner of Higher Education, said.

## Organization Information

To better inform students of activities in which they can participate, *The Patriot* will have Organization Information in each issue. Student organizations and contacts are listed at the UT Tyler website by going to current students, then student organizations.

### Feb. 14

•Spring 2003 Student Organization Registration Packet due. Contact smartinez@uttyler.edu

•Press Club will deliver handmade valentines to Rosewood Retirement Center, 4 p.m.. Meet in HPR 274 to carpool. Everyone is welcome to join. The Press Club is a service organization that participates in many community activities. Meetings are the first Thursday of each month, 2 p.m., HPR 274. Open to all students, no dues. Contact brandy@sat.net.

•Press Club will sell long stem red roses in BUS lobby and UC open area, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

### Feb. 20

•DREAM Team (Drug-Related Education/Awareness Mentoring) meeting, UC open area, 5 p.m. Discussion about Health Fair in March and Safe Spring Break Campaign. Contact RhiannonNGage@stemail.uttyl.edu

•13 Ways, The Literature Appreciation Society, will sponsor a public reading of poetry and prose, 6:30 p.m., open to all students, no dues, sponsor literary movies 2nd Thurs. each month. Contact 13ways@dctexas.net.

### Feb. 21

•Art Club meeting, sculpture studio every other Thursday, 5 p.m., \$5 membership fee, any student can join. They participate in community activities. Contact vincevz@hotmail.com

•MAA, Mathematical Association of America, meeting, HPR 262, 2 p.m. "The Career of an Actuary" by guest speaker Brad Smith, Consulting Actuary for Milliman USA in Dallas. Anyone interested in actuarial science is invited to attend. Refreshments before the meeting. Contact Selica2000@hotmail.com.

### Feb. 27

•Pre-Medical & Pre-dental organization meeting, 12:30 p.m., Dr. Killebrew will discuss requirements for medical school, and the admission statistics of the 2004 entering class. Anyone interested may attend. Contact danielle\_uttyler@hotmail.com.

### Feb. 28

•African American Student Organization will sponsor Apollo Night, a talent show, Braithwaite, 6:30 p.m., tickets \$3 before 6 p.m., \$5 after 6 p.m. Contact silentdoc18@aol.com.

### Every Monday, UC 118, noon

•Baptist Student Ministry meeting, music, free lunch, devotional at end of lunch. Contact tylerbsm@cox-internet.com.

### Every Monday, UPines clubhouse, 8 p.m.

•Baptist Student Ministry meeting, Bible study, contact tylerbsm@cox-internet.com.

### Every Thursday, UC 118 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

•Cross Talk meeting by Cornerstone, fellowship and free lunch, Contact nolanp@roseheights.org.

### Every Friday in Feb. UPines clubhouse, 3 p.m.

•African American Student Organization, dues \$15 per semester,

## University System receives award

The compliance program operated by the University of Texas System received a Best Practice Award from the Southern Association of College and University Business Officers.

The award recognizes the program as a model that other colleges and universities can adopt to improve their business and administrative functions.

"This award is further recognition of the UT System's national leadership in effective

higher education administration," Charles Miller, chairman of the Board of Regents, said.

The program started in 1998 as a way of making sure the UT System and its 15 components are in compliance with all applicable laws, policies and regulations of the numerous bodies that have oversight of higher education institutions.

The Best Practice Award will be presented at a meeting in Charlotte, N.C. in April.

The UT System is among

four recipients of the award selected from among 90 entries.

Charles G. Chaffin, who is also director of audits for the UT System, oversees the System-wide compliance program.

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## Superintendents to attend classes

The Superintendent Institute, a division of the Southwest Educational Research and Leadership Academy, will be offered at the University beginning April 23.

Participants will engage in sessions geared to tackle educational and political issues of the 21st century and will interact with key Texas educational and political leaders.

The institute is designed to provide practicing superintendents and other senior district administrators with the leadership skills and knowledge to transform their districts into centers of excellence that work together in the joint enterprise of improving education for all students.

Four meetings will be held, with the first being 9 a.m.-2 p.m. April 23 at the Robert R. Muntz Library. Dr. Filipe Alanis, commissioner of education, will be the keynote speaker. The topic will be "Texas Schools for the New Millennium."

The second meeting, addressing the topic "School Finance & the 78th Legislative Session," will be June 10. Dr. Ed Flathouse, Texas Education Agency associate commissioner of finance, is the speaker.

Sen. Bill Ratliff and former Rep. Paul Sadler will serve as keynote speakers for the third meeting in September. The topic will be "Looking Back & Looking Forward, Funding Texas Schools."

The final meeting topic in November will be "Fostering a Winning Team." Joe Smith, retired superintendent of Hudson Independent School District and president of Administrative consulting, Inc. and TexasISD.com, will be the speaker.

"Superintendent participation in the institute will serve to develop a basis for supporting principals in their plans to restructure their schools into centers of excellence and thus respond specifically to individual student needs," Dr. Timothy B. Jones, institute director and UT Tyler assistant professor of education administration, said.

Dr. Russell Marshall, associate professor of education administration, is coordinator of the Superintendent Institute.

Space in the Superintendent Institute is limited. Early reservations are strongly recommended.

The Southwest Educational Research & Leadership Academy is a center of the UT Tyler College of Education and Psychology.

It includes the Principal and Superintendent Institute, the Literacy Center and the Texas Research Initiative on Science and Mathematics Education.

The Principal Institute on Restructuring Schools will be June 19-27. The Advanced Principal Institute on Early Childhood Education will be June 23-25.

For more information call the institute office at 903-566-7285 or visit [www.utttyler.edu/psi](http://www.utttyler.edu/psi).

contact [silentdoc18@aol.com](mailto:silentdoc18@aol.com).

• **Apostolic Student Association**, meets bi-weekly following 7:30 p.m. service at Tyler Tabernacle, United Pentecostal Church, 3034 McDonald Road. Students are invited to come worship, attend Bible study and the ASA meetings. ASA is a group of students who share the common experience of New Testament salvation with fun, fellowship and evangelism. Contact [apostolic\\_student@hotmail.com](mailto:apostolic_student@hotmail.com).

### To Be Announced

• **CJSA (Criminal Justice Students Association)**, open to all students interested in the field of criminal justice. They work with many organizations in the area and plan two trips to prison facilities this semester. Dues \$5. Contact [teleiadhogan@prodigy.net](mailto:teleiadhogan@prodigy.net) or get application in BUS 221.

## University debate team awarded three trophies

by **Hannah Buchanan**  
*Entertainment editor*

The University's debate team brought home three trophies to add to their collection after placing third in Debate Sweepstakes, fourth in Overall Sweepstakes and receiving a first place team award Jan. 31 - Feb. 1 and Feb. 7 - 9, in spring competitions at Houston's North Harris College and University of Louisiana at Monroe.

"We didn't have any individuals that stuck out, it was more like a team effort," Dr. Jeffrey Hobbs, debate adviser, said about the Texas Intercollegiate Forensics Association's championship.

"Each event earns the team points and as a whole, we placed third in team events and fourth in both individual and team events," Hobbs said.

Members participating on the University team for the competition include Amy Arellano, Noah Conklin, Joshua Irick, Ryan Palmquist, Frank Patel and Stephen Orban.

Hobbs said 20 other Texas colleges and universities participated in the TIFA's Spring Championship.

During the Houston competition, team member Amy Arellano was one of only 11 students who were selected to participate on TIFA's All-State

Debate Team.

Selection for the team includes maintaining a high, unspecified grade point average, having at least a 60 percent win/loss debate record, a speech coach's recommendation and a written essay stating the importance of forensics to them, according to the TIFA outlined requirements.

"She [Arellano] put out the little extra effort and was the only one from our University team who made the all-state team.

"Arellano had great points from her view about her success [in her essay]," Hobbs said.

Arellano is a University transfer student from Tyler Junior College.

She is majoring in speech communications.

Dan Miller, Arellano, Conklin, Irick, Patel and Orban attended the competition at the University of Arkansas at Montecello.

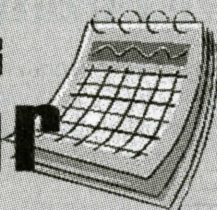
Team members Miller and Arellano took first place during the Louisiana tournament overcoming the University of Arkansas at Montecello.

"We've been doing really well, I don't see any reason for that to stop," Hobbs said.

The team will compete Feb. 21-23 at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.



## CAMPUS Calendar



### Feb. 14

- St. Valentine's Day Blood Drive, UC 118, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Fosse, Cowan Center, 7:30 p.m.

### Feb. 14-16

- Othello premier, The Theatre, 14 & 15- 7:30 p.m., 16- 2:30 p.m.

### Feb. 18

- SGA meeting, UC 118, 5:15 p.m.

### Feb. 19

- "Dying to Be Thin: How to Help a Friend with an Eating Disorder" student seminar, UC 118, noon-1 p.m., free lunch

- Top Hat, Third Wed. Film Series, FPAC 1009, 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., students free-all others \$4, call 566-7110 for reservations

### Feb. 20

- Ceramic workshop by David Henley, ceramic studio, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

### Feb. 21

- Recent Sculpture: Christopher Curtain, Gallery Talk, Meadows Gallery, 7 p.m.

### Feb. 21-23

- Othello, The Theatre, 21 & 22- 7:30 p.m., 23- 2:30 p.m.

### Feb. 21- March 7

- SGA spring filing

### Feb. 25

- Tyler Community Band concert, Vaughn Auditorium, 7 p.m.

### Feb. 28

- Student recital, Braithwaite Hall, 2 p.m.

## Policy revisions set on security checks

By Robert Boggs  
Editor in chief

Only finalists for security-sensitive positions must submit to criminal background checks, according to the policy submitted by University officials to the University of Texas System Board of Regents in January.

New applicants and people transferring from positions not requiring background checks to security-sensitive jobs also will be screened under the new policy.

Current employees and those transferring between jobs who already have been checked are not subject to additional screening, the policy states.

In November, the board required all UT components to develop their own background check policies by Jan. 17 to determine which positions must be screened.

The University's policy, which school officials said is consistent with other UT components, determined security-sensitive positions include all executive, administrative and professional positions; all "classified" positions; all positions

with direct access to or responsibility for pharmaceuticals or controlled substances; positions providing child care or patient care and all part-time, non-faculty positions.

The policy does not automatically disqualify individuals who have been convicted of a crime.

Hiring officials are required to consider factors such as the duties of the position, number and nature of offenses, time elapsed since convictions, the applicant's employment history and rehabilitation efforts.

"I think we have an efficient and sufficient policy," President Rodney Mabry said.

The University's human resources department is responsible for conducting background checks and making hiring decisions.

Last March, the UT System proposed a blanket background check policy for all 15 academic and health center components in the system.

The policy required all employees to be screened, but was repealed because of statewide opposition.

## Student petition drive extended two weeks

By Emily Stevens  
Staff writer

Student Government Association officials extended the student regent petition drive after their initial effort garnered only 66 signatures.

SGA secretary Jennifer Skinner said the goal was 1,000 signatures, and the drive would continue to the end of February in hopes of reaching that number.

SGA members originally scheduled to conduct the drive from Jan. 30 to Feb. 6, but did not start until Feb. 5 due to a lack of manpower.

Once the petition is complete it will be sent to Katie King, stu-



To mark the 30th anniversary of the opening of an upper-division college in Tyler, *The Patriot* will feature throughout the rest of the semester the recollections of long-time faculty members and tidbits of past University news.

### Faculty focus



Dr. Keith McCoy  
health and kinesiology  
29 years

*Q. What is your favorite anecdote from your UT Tyler career?*

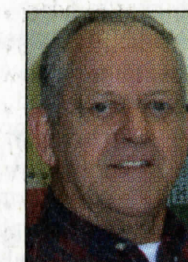
"I think of the good things in terms of the development of the University. I started out in the band room of Roberts Junior High School [Berta street facility that once was university campus] using yarn to give examples of muscles."

*Q. What changes have affected you the most since you've been here?*

"The physical facilities, the development of new curricula and the addition of faculty all had an impact."

*Q. How have students changed since you began teaching here?*

"We're getting more students now who are able to give more time to their education, and students today are more concerned with campus environment."



Dr. Robert Cranford  
Math professor  
29 years

*Q. What is your favorite anecdote from your UT Tyler career?*

"Nothing jumps to mind as standing out over any other story. If I told one I'd think of something as good or better right after."

*Q. What changes have affected you the most since you've been here?*

"The addition of lower division courses presents a new mountain to climb. We are teaching classes which we haven't taught in years. The growing faculty has been a challenge. It's a source of achievement and pride bringing a young faculty

## Enrollment figures top 4,200 for spring term

This semester marks the largest spring enrollment in the University's history.

Official figures showed 4,242 students enrolled as of the 12th

even surpass, the fall figures. Once again, this news is an indication that students recognize the high quality of our faculty and academic programs."



class day, which is an 11.4 percent increase over last spring.

The semester credit hour enrollment for this spring, 41,708 hours, also exceeds the 35,613 hours of last semester.

"It is rare that spring enrollment figures compare to, or

President Rodney H. Mabry said.

These figures include the Longview and Palestine campuses.

This is the second consecutive year for the University to have a record spring enrollment.

dent government president of the University of Texas at Austin, where the push for the student regent began.

The proposal for a student regent came about because students believed they were not properly represented.

The Board of Regents has the final say in all decisions involving the UT System. If passed, the proposal will put a student on that board.

The Texas State Legislature will have the deciding vote on the issue.

## Student government report incomplete, overdue

By Emily Stevens  
Staff Writer

Student Government Association officials failed to provide *The Patriot* with a complete financial report from last semester by Jan. 1 as required in their constitution.

A list of expenditures was provided on Wednesday, however, no finalized report was received.

Problems with electing a treasurer last semester led to the partial compliance.

The problems began in September when Erin Price

resigned the treasury after being elected vice president.

Subsequent special elections to fill the post were marred with alleged election code violations.

In November, candidate Ryan Palmquist was declared the winner after two other candidates were disqualified.

However, that position is still in contention while former candidate Joel Johnson awaits a response on his appeal to the student judicial board.

Price continued to carry out the treasurer's duties while student officials attempted to hold

a successful election to fill the position.

Price, who was forced to withdraw from school because of illness, told *The Patriot* on Monday she completed the financial report, but said she no longer has that information.

She said she e-mailed a copy of her report to SGA president Stephanie Heeren and organization adviser Shaune Martinez.

When interviewed Wednesday, Heeren and Martinez both said they did not receive any information from Price.

Heeren said she obtained a list of expenditures from student affairs secretary Carol Killingley.

Heeren gave *The Patriot* nine pages of what appears to be computerized data documenting last semester's transactions.

The transactions appear to document expenditures for homecoming, alumni banquet, copy fees, telephone calls and advertising.

However, the report is not in a format which clearly identifies total expenses and revenues for the semester.

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*Q. How have students changed since you began teaching here?*

"In the 70s most students were full-time students. Today there are more students who also have jobs, family, and children. I don't see how some of the are able to do it."

### Patriot flashback

#### 5 years ago

- School of Business offers Community Minority Business Advancement Program

#### 10 years ago

- School of Business Administration offers exchange program with a Monterrey, Mexico college

#### 15 years ago

- Dept. of Health and Physical Education receives \$3,000 grant to study multiple sclerosis

#### 20 years ago

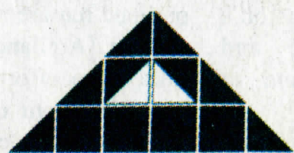
- Enrollment record of 2,753
- Student Association sponsors 'soap opera' dance

#### 25 years ago

- 17 clubs and organizations on campus
- Board of Regents approve \$4,487 contract increase for health and physical education facilities

#### 30 years ago

- 28 degree programs approved
- University approved for \$270,000 in student financial aid funds



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## SGA appointments fill 2 vacancies

### New Student Judicial Board members to consider appeal

By Emily Stevens  
Staff Writer

Student Government Association officers appointed two new members to the judicial board, which may have to hear an election appeal.

Student officials voted Terry Holt, political science major, and Billy Borunda, graduate student, onto the board during a Jan. 21 meeting.

The judicial board is responsible for interpreting the constitution and the acts of the SGA and ruling on petitions brought before them.

The Rules Committee disqualified Joel Johnson from a treasurer's election on Nov. 21 because of alleged election code violations.

The alleged violations included campaigning within 20 feet of a voting station and "harassing"

potential voters.

Johnson filed an appeal before the holiday break because he claims student officials did not follow proper procedures in disqualifying him.

Ryan Palmquist was declared the winner of the November election and is currently fulfilling the treasurer's duties.

The November election marked the second of the semester for the treasurer's post, and the third involving violations.

In other business, the Student Life Committee has set April 12 as the tentative date for the spring dance. However, future meetings will determine more definite plans.

The next SGA meeting will be held at 5:15 p.m. in UC 118.

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Ledia Dow  
Senior Secretary  
Advising Center



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